

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 1646
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COX et al.)	Examiner: Xie, Xiaozhen
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Serial No.: 10/031,154)	Confirmation No.: 6320
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Filed: January 14, 2002)	<u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER</u>
)	<u>FINAL REJECTION AND FILED IN</u>
Atty. File No.: 4152-3-PUS)	<u>CONJUNCTION WITH A REQUEST FOR</u>
)	<u>CONTINUED EXAMINATION</u>
For: "IMMUNOGLOBULIN FUSION)	
PROTEINS")	

Submitted Via EFS-Web

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to a final Office Action having a mailing date of June 27, 2006 and in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fees filed herewith. A Notice of Appeal, along with the requisite extension fees, was filed on December 27, 2006, to extend the time for responding to February 27, 2007. On March 21, 2007, the U.S. Patent Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment in error. A Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181(a) was timely filed on May 18, 2007. The Petition was granted on June 18, 2007, and the Notice of Abandonment was vacated, setting a new period of 2 months to file an Appeal Brief, which expires August 18, 2007. Accordingly, this response is believed to be timely, and no additional fees are believed to be due. However, if fees are due in connection with this response, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.